

to Orleans and Frankfort. As I have never yet seen the time when the public business would have permitted me to be so long in a situation in which I could carry it on, so I have no reason to expect that such a time will come while I remain in office. A journey to Boston or Portsmouth, after I shall be a private citizen, would much better harmonize with my feelings, as well as duties; and, founded in curiosity, would give no claims to an extension of it. I should see my friends, too, more at our mutual ease, and be left more exclusively to their society. (To Governor Sullivan, 1807. C. V., 102.)

THE PRESS.—No Government ought to be without censors; and when the press is free, no one ever will. Nature has given to man no other means of sifting out the truth either in religion, law or politics. I think it as honorable to the government neither to know nor notice its sycophants or censors as it would be undignified and criminal to pamper the former and persecute the latter. (To Washington, 1792. F. VI., 108.)

PRIESTLY, JOSEPH.—Yours is one of the few lives precious to mankind, and for the continuance of which every thinking man is solicitous. Bigots may be an exception. * * * Those who live by mystery and charlatanerie fearing you would render them useless by simplifying the Christian philosophy—the most sublime and benevolent but most perverted system that ever shone on man—endeavored to crush your well-earnt and well-deserved fame. But it was the Liliputians upon Gulliver. Our countrymen have recovered from the alarm into which art and industry had thrown them; science and honesty are replaced on their high ground; and you, my dear sir, as their great apostle, are on its pinnacle. (To Joseph Priestly, 1801. F. VIII., 21.)

PRINCE OF WALES (Afterward George IV.).—As the character of the Prince of Wales is becoming interesting I have endeavored to learn what it truly is. * * * He has not a single element of mathematics or moral philosophy, or any other science on earth, nor has the society he has left been such as to supply the void of education. It has been that of the lowest, the most illiterate and profligate persons of the kingdom, with-